



On Sunday, hundreds didn't walk their dogs, but walked *for* the dogs!

Late in the afternoon on Sunday, April 15, hundreds of animal lovers gathered in the parking lot of the Sun Plaza Complex in Oranjestad to show their support for Animal Rights Aruba (ARA.) ARA staff works to protect the rights of all animals on Aruba, and to see that they are treated humanely.

Working with ARA at this time are two students of the Instituto Pedagogico Arubaanse, (IPA) which is the island's school for training its teachers. Gianni Fricke-de Windt and Danielle Miguel, as part of their internship organized the fundraising walk, and ARA President Roy Mezas reports that they "were quite pleased with the turnout, considering it was organized on very short notice."

The first six across the finish line of the 5K walk were of varied ages, including one young woman, Rohna Steward, who came in fourth overall. Juancho Tromp was first across the line in thirty-five minutes, followed by David Paesh, Randy Jansen, Rohns, Mario Maduro and Joseph Croes.

The organizers expressed thanks to Kong Hing Supermarket for providing the fresh fruit, and Tropical Bottling, Bix Brands and the Mill Resort for funding the refreshment that awaited hot and thirsty walkers at the end of the race.

Many four legged friends will benefit from this fun walk, even if they didn't take part!